FARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the press report which appeared in the 'Indian Express' of 14th February, 1986 wherein it has been stated that a patient died in the Moolchand Kharatiram Hospital, New D^lbi due to the negligence of hospital authorities ;

(b) whether any inquiry has been conducted ; and

(c) what action has been taken by Government against doctors responsible for the death of the patient?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) An inquiry was conducted by the Hospital which established that there was no case of negligence or impolite behaviour on the part of doctors or by other staff in the Casualty Department. This hospital is run by a Charitable Trust and is not controlled by the Government.

Accident at the Thikiro Ki Baori Station

1692. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA : • Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) wheather Government's attention has been drawn to the news item published in the 'Times of India' of the 18th February, 1986 to the effect that twenty persons were injured when a shuttle train rammed into another train at Thikiro Ki Baori Station near Jaipur on the 17th February, ig86;

(b) whether any inquiry has been conducted;

(c) whether any compensation has been paid to the injured persons; and

(d) what action is being taken or proposed to be taken by Government against persons responsible for this accident ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVARAO SCINDIA) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Ex-gratia payment of Rs. 250 to each of the five (5) passengers who suffered minor injuries, was made. Rest had only trivial injuries.

(d) The Assistant Station Master and two Pointmen, found primarily responsible for the accident, have been placed under suspension. Secondary responsibility has been fixed on the Driver of 233 up Fast Passenger. Action for imposition of major penalty against them has been initiated.

By- Passes on National Highway No. 7

1693. SHRI SHYAM SUNDER MOHAPATRA : SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) how many by-passes were laid on National Highway No. 7 during the sixth plan period;

(b) how many more by-passes are proposed to be laid; and

(c) how many by-passes are expected to be constructed during the seventh plan period ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) Three by passes have been completed on National Highway No. 7 during the Sixth Plan.

(b) and (c) Eleven bye-passes on-National Highway No. 7 are pro-